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RE: FOIA Request #CFPB-2019-0315-F

September 13, 2019

Mr. Taylor Amarel
MuckRock News
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Via email: 72007-06879528@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This letter is in final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 19, 2019. Your request sought:

- 1.) [A]ll email records sent to, from, or copied to Mick Mulvaney, containing any of the following non-case-sensitive keywords: "Whistleblower"
- 2.) [A]ll email records sent by Mick Mulvaney containing the non-case-sensitive key-string of "Whistleblower" from November 1, 2017 to Present Day.

You indicated to conduct a search from the first day of Mick Mulvaney's CFPB service to present day.

A search of our Office of Technology and Innovation for documents responsive to your request produced a total of 88 pages. Of those pages, I have determined that 2 pages of the records are granted in full and 86 pages are withheld in full pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6).

FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

You may appeal any of the responses or decisions set forth above. If you choose to file an appeal, you must do so within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Your appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and should contain the rationale for the appeal.

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You may send your appeal via the mail (address below), email (foia@consumerfinance.gov) or fax (1-855-FAX-FOIA (329-3642)).

Your appeal should be addressed to:

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
Chief FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Appeal
1700 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20552

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, we have waived all fees related to the processing of your request.

For inquiries concerning your request, please reference your FOIA request number above and contact our FOIA Public Liaison via email at FOIA@consumerfinance.gov or by phone at 1-855-444-FOIA (3642).

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,



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